

## **Good Neighbor Meeting**

**November 5, 2019**

**Present:** Claire Robinson, Chris Baker, Lillian Bowen, Janice Rupp,  
Elaine Meyer, Patty Miller

**Opening prayer:** Claire – prayer by St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Financial Report:** No report available, will have one at December meeting

**Old Business:** Storage locker – Committee feels that we should empty storage locker and then call to see if we can get a refund on the months it will not be used. Claire will contact Salvation Army to see if they will pick-up items.

**Requests for Assistance:** Patty reported there have been more requests for utility assistance. We do help with usually between \$75-\$100 for those who are not parishioners. We help with full amounts for parishioners. We continue to help with \$300 of food vouchers per month.

**Discussion:** Claire spoke about the need for housing for the homeless now that Hope House had closed its doors. She talked about a national organization called “Room at the Inn.” There is one in Columbia and they are a warm, safe shelter for the homeless. This is a collaboration of churches who place cots in their facilities to help those in need. Anyone interested in donating can find their information on the internet.

Claire also talked about another non-profit called “Sleep in Heavenly Peace.” This organization provides beds for children who don’t have a bed to call their own. Volunteers build beds and bunk beds and they are shipped all around the country to those in need. Many people are willing to help. This is another organization that could benefit from donations. There information is also online.

**New Business:** The December Meeting will feature a representative from God’s Harvesters here in Hannibal to speak with us about the work they are doing at their sober living houses for men and women. There are many needs at each of these houses. Members agreed to bring personal care items such as soap, shampoo, lotion, toilet paper, and also some household items for the house such as paper towels, paper plates, cups, napkins, etc.

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This meeting will also be our Christmas gathering and members were asked to bring snacks. Janice and Claire will bring soup. Patty will extend an invitation to Fr. Mike, Sister Mary and Sister Betty to attend and have a meal/snacks with us.

**Christmas Cookie Sale:** Good Neighbor Christmas Cookie Sale will be held Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> in St. Michael's Hall. Cookies are sold after all Masses that weekend. We do this in conjunction with the Youth Breakfast that also happens that weekend. All proceeds go to Good Neighbor.

**Christmas Tree Decorating:** Claire picked up the Christmas tree from Pleasant View. We will meet at Pleasant View on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm to participate in the Christmas tree decorating contest. Trees are judged and purchased by individuals. Part of the proceeds come back to Good Neighbor and part go to Pleasant View. Good Neighbor participants donate all decorations and our theme for this year will be Starry, Starry Night. We will have our tree in the same area that we have had for the past five years – inside first door as you come up the driveway and to the right.

The Festival of Trees is December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, everyone is encouraged to walk through and vote/bid on their favorite tree.

Lillian made a motion to adjourn, Chris - second motion, all were in favor

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.**

*Respectfully submitted, Patty Miller*